

**Board Recognition
May 2025**

Robert Best, Career and Technical Education Instructor

Career and Technical Education Association of Texas is a professional organization that provides Career and Technical Educators with professional learning opportunities, advocacy and resources that enhance student learning and success. I am thrilled to announce that Rob Best was recently recognized for the outstanding work he does relating to Law and Public Service not only in Hallsville ISD but also across the state.

Mr. Best received two different awards from Career and Technical Education Association of Texas (CTAT), Area 3. This area includes all of the schools in Region 7 as well as Region 8. Mr. Best received the following awards: Area 3 Experienced Teacher of the Year as well as a Showcase of Excellence Award.

Experienced Teacher of the Year

Mr. Rob Best is a teacher who makes things happen. Mr. Best leads the way in the Law Enforcement Program of Study at Hallsville ISD. He truly goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve the students of our district. In fact, he is the first one to arrive on campus each day as his usual time of arrival is 4:30 and he is generally one of the last ones to pull off the parking lot at the end of the day. In a few short years, Mr. Best took a dying program of study and brought it to life. Upon his arrival to HISD, there was no true curriculum, scope of sequence or lesson plans. He spent countless hours planning and creating the elements that are needed within the classroom setting to ensure student learning and success.

Mr. Best has been with HISD for seven years and we are proud to say that today curriculum in strong, connections have been made with business and industry partners, dual credit opportunities for students have been added and scholarship opportunities are available for our graduating seniors. Not to mention, the addition of a student organization that he and his students participate in (Texas Public Safety Society). His students participate in competitions sponsored by Texas Public Safety Association and each year these students bring home medals and awards.

CTE Showcase of Excellence

This award is given to CTE programs that are going over and beyond, programs that stand out and meet business and industry standards. Mr. Best has quickly made a name for himself across the state as he is actively involved in selling criminal justice to other teachers and districts not only within East Texas but also throughout the state. In fact, teachers from the East Texas area have been on our campus meeting with him to develop curriculum while others have actually been in his classroom job shadowing, striving to enhance their program. It is for the commitment that Mr. Best brings to the district, the rigorous learning that takes place in the classroom, the addition of dual credit course work, real world experiences provided, participation and success in a student organization that competes at district and state levels that Mr. Best and the Criminal Justice program at Hallsville ISD was selected as Area 3 CTAT CTE Showcase of Excellence.

Congratulations to Robert Best for always making a difference.